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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re application of: Julliard )  
Serial No.: 10/006,997 ) Group No.: 2828  
Filed: November 30, 2001 ) Examiner: Nguyen, Dung T.  
For: Method and Apparatus for In Situ  
Protection of Sensitive Optical Materials )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Introductory Comments**

This is in response to the office action mailed March 27, 2003, and is submitted on August 27, 2003 with a two month extension of time. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

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